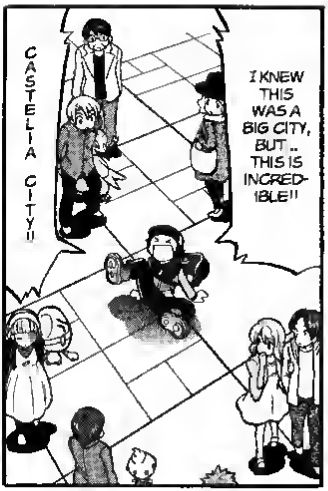
Adventure 18
Big-City Battles

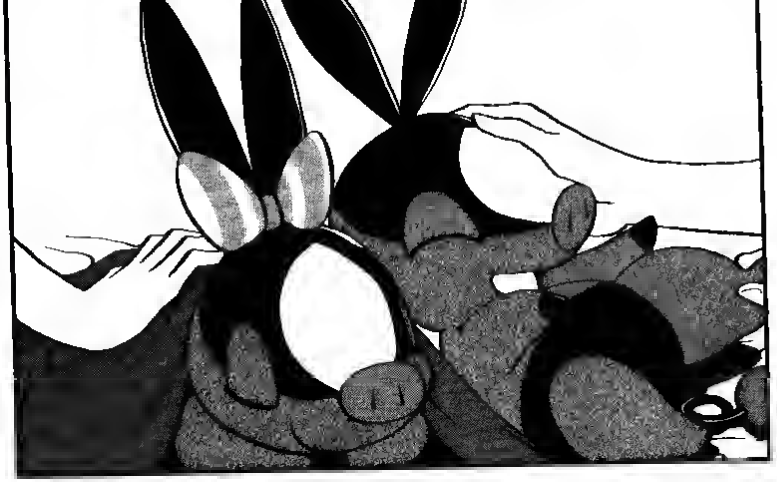
SO HUGE...

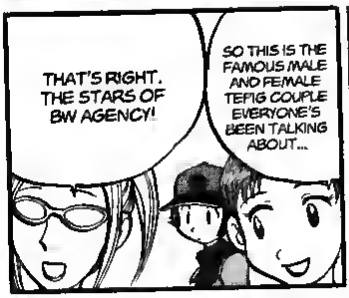
CHECK IT OUT, TEP!

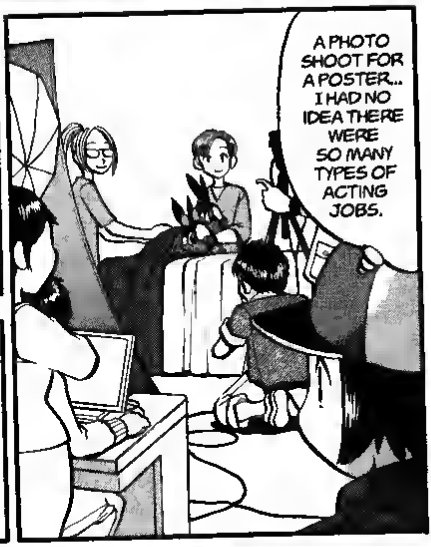
SO MANY STREETS AND SKY-SCRAPERS ...
AND THIS AND THAT AND... AAARGH!!
THERE ARE FIVE DOCKS FOR SHIPS TO COME AND GO!


CASTELIA CITY!!
I KNEW THIS WAS A BIG CITY, BUT.. THIS IS INCRED-IBLE!!

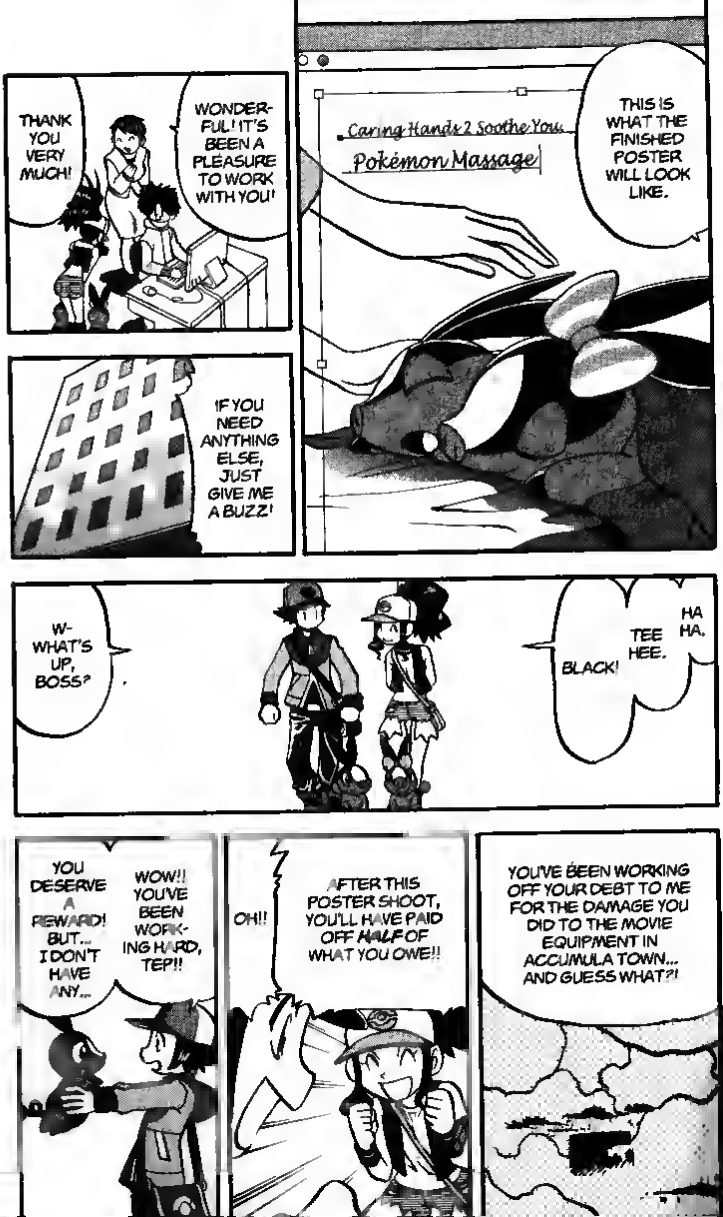
YOU'RE QUICK TODAY. EVERYTHING DONE?
HEY, BOSS!
HMPH! MUST YOU ALWAYS SHOUT?!
I TOOK GIGI FOR A MASSAGE, BOUGHT HER NEW COSTUMES, AND SOME OF CASTELIA CITY'S FAMOUS CASTELIACONES. A PRODUCTIVE DAY!
I'M GOING TO NEED TEP TOO! IS THAT OKAY?!
SURE. I G- GUESS
I'D LOVE TO HAVE HER IN OUR AD!
I THOUGHT SHE WAS ADORABLE THE MOMENT I SAW HER- AND SHE'S A STAR?!
OH--!
THE MANAGER OF THE MASSAGE SHOP SAID..
WAY TO GO!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! I EVEN DRUMMED UP SOME MORE BUSINESS! YAY! ♡




SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS MALE AND FEMALE TEPIG COUPLE EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT...
THAT'S RIGHT. THE STARS OF BW AGENCY!


A PHOTO SHOOT FOR A POSTER... I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE SO MANY TYPES OF ACTING JOBS.

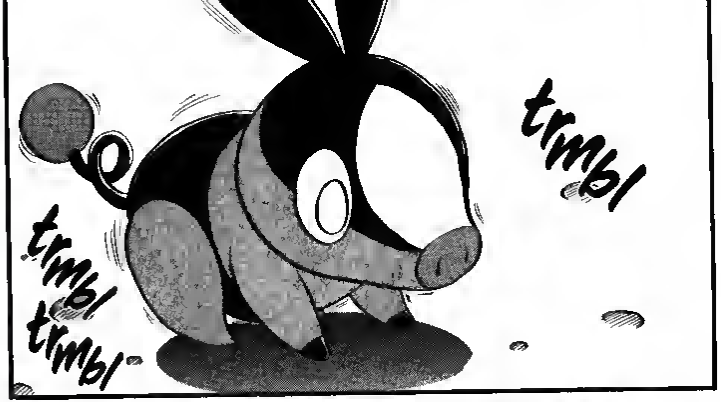
I HEAR YOUR OTHER POKÉ-MON ARE TALENTED TOO.
THEY'RE ALL ACTORS. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE EXACT EXPRES-SION AND POSE YOU ASK FOR.


THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
WONDER-FUL! IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU!
Caring Hands 2 Soothe You
Pokémon Massage
THIS IS WHAT THE FINISHED POSTER WILL LOOK LIKE.
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING ELSE, JUST GIVE ME A BUZZ!
W-WHAT'S UP, BOSS?
TEE HEE.
HA HA.
BLACK!
YOU DESERVE A REWARD! BUT... I DON'T HAVE ANY...
WOW!! YOU'VE BEEN WORK-ING HARD, TEP!!
OH!!
AFTER THIS POSTER SHOOT, YOU'LL HAVE PAID OFF HALF OF WHAT YOU OWE!!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING OFF YOUR DEBT TO ME FOR THE DAMAGE YOU DID TO THE MOVIE EQUIPMENT IN ACCUMULA TOWN... AND GUESS WHAT?!

HERE! I'VE GOT A REWARD FOR TEP!
CASTELIA-CONES HEAL STATUS CONDITIONS LIKE...
...POISON AND PARALYSIS DURING A POKÉMON BATTLE!
CASTELIA-CONES?
YOU CAN USE THEM, RIGHT?
YOU BET! THANKS!
BOSS...
HOW COME YOU SPENT ALL THAT TIME IN LINE JUST TO GET THESE FOR US...?
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. I'VE DECIDED TO...
...SUPPORT YOUR DREAM.

...I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!"
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK WHEN I FIRST HEARD YOU SHOUTING...
...PURSUE THAT DREAM.
I RESPECT THAT!!
BUT YOU'VE WON GYM BATTLES AND EARNED ALL THOSE BADGES TO...
!!
REALLY ?!
I'M WILLING TO PAY THOSE EXPENSES FOR YOU.
...THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU'LL NEED ON THE WAY TO HELP YOU, RIGHT?
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POKÉMON BATTLES...
POKÉ BALLS, POTIONS, ITEMS TO USE IN BATTLE. NOT TO MENTION FEEDING MY POKÉMON DAILY AND—
RIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU SAY...?
AS YOUR SPONSOR, BW AGENCY WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM.
...YOU'LL WEAR OUR COMPANY LOGO! ♡
AND WHEN YOU DO APPEAR IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE..
IN RETURN, I'D LIKE YOU TO CONTINUE TO HELP ME WITH MY WORK.
AND WE CAN KEEP WORK-ING TO-GETHER TOO, TEP!
I THINK WE'LL BE A GREAT TEAM!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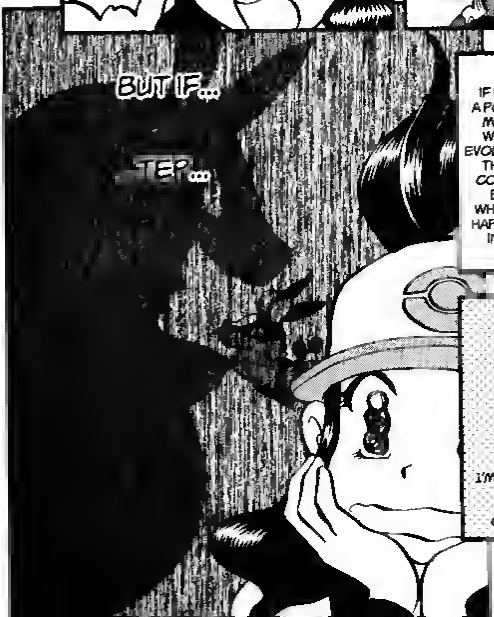
YOU MEAN... TEP IS GOING TO CHANGE SHAPE?!
EVOLV-ING?!

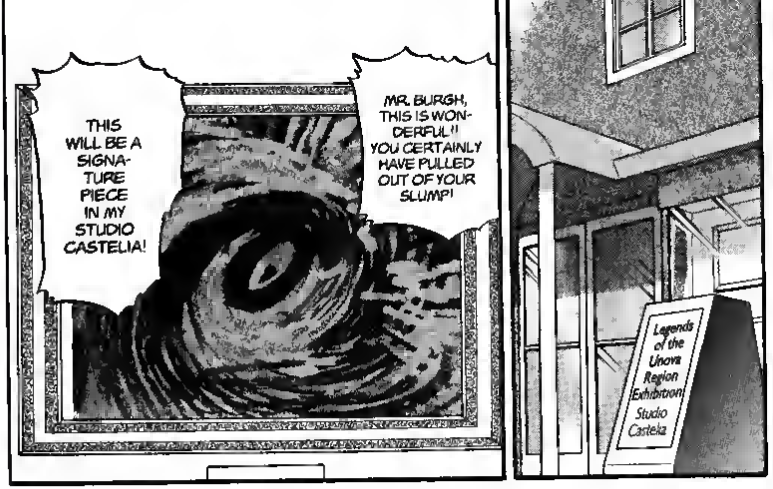
NO... THIS COULD BE A SIGN THAT TEP IS... EVOL-VING!!
WHAT'S WRONG?! IS IT SICK?!


BUT IF...
TEP...

IF IT'S A POKÉ-MON WHO EVOLVES— THAT COULD BE WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING
BUT IT'S BEEN FIGHTING FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW.
I DON'T KNOW...

BUT, BUT... TEP AND GIGI LOOK SO CUTE TOGETHER!
THEY'RE SO POPULAR! I'M GETTING OFFERS FOR TV SERIES, MOVIES, COMMERCIALS...

NO, NO, NO!! YOU MUSTN'T EVOLVE. I'LL LOSE SO MUCH BUSINESS IF YOU CHANGE!!
NO, NO, NO!!
SWING
SWING
NO-O-O-O!!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
B-BUT...
IN THAT CASE... TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
TIME FOR MY GYM BATTLE!! I MADE A RESERVATION!!
AN ALARM...?
ACK!!
BIIII BIIII BIIII
I MADE A SCHEDULE FOR YOU!!


MR. BURGH, THIS IS WONDERFUL!! YOU CERTAINLY HAVE PULLED OUT OF YOUR SLUMP!
THIS WILL BE A SIGNATURE PIECE IN MY STUDIO CASTELIA!
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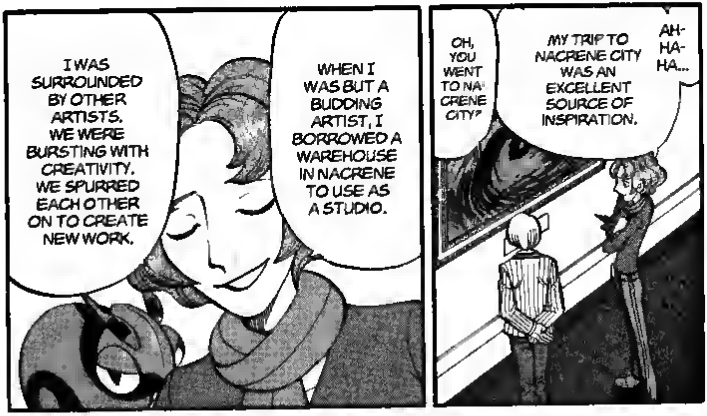
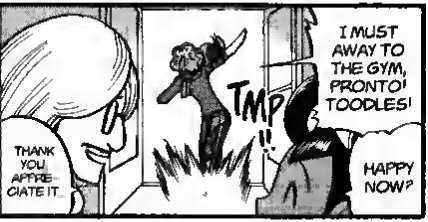

I WAS SURROUNDED BY OTHER ARTISTS. WE WERE BURSTING WITH CREATIVITY. WE SPURRED EACH OTHER ON TO CREATE NEW WORK.
WHEN I WAS BUT A BUDDING ARTIST, I BORROWED A WAREHOUSE IN NACRENE TO USE AS A STUDIO.
OH, YOU WENT TO NACRENE CITY?
MY TRIP TO NACRENE CITY WAS AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF INSPIRATION.
AH-HA-HA...

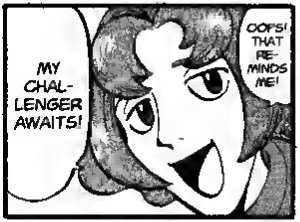
BURGH!!
TMP
TMP
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO YOU WENT BACK TO YOUR ROOTS, HUH?

VISITING CASTELIA AGAIN? HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW PIECE?
HELLO, IRIS!
THIS ONE ...?
YOU'RE THE GYM LEADER OF CASTELIA CITY! YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED!!
A CHALLENGER HAS ARRIVED FOR A GYM BATTLE!! HE HAS A RESERVATION.
GO AHEAD. GIVE ME YOUR HONEST, STRAIGHTFORWARD, CHARMINGLY UNSOPHISTICATED OPINION. DON'T HOLD BACK!
I LIKE THIS PAINTING BETTER.
M-MR. BURGH! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!!
ARGH !!
stab slash
ARE YOU LOSING YOUR TOUCH, BURGH...? THIS PAINTING LOOKS...UNPOLISHED. IT'S LIKE YOU FORCED YOURSELF TO USE A DRAWING TECHNIQUE THAT DOESN'T SUIT YOU. I PREFER YOUR CUTE PICTURES.

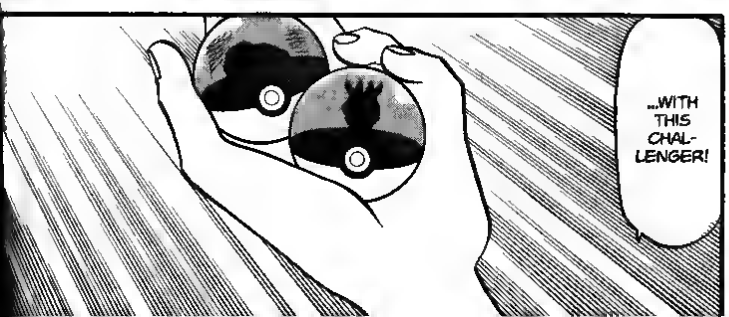
THESE PAINTINGS ARE BASED ON UNOVA REGION LEGENDS, AREN'T THEY?
WHITE FLAME
BLACK LIGHTNING BOLT
HUH?!
HE'S GOING TO FALL INTO A SLUMP AGAIN! CHEER HIM UP, QUICK...!
IRIS... IRIS!!
THESE ARE GOOD TOO.
BUT... YOU SMELL AWFULLY NICE, BURØH!
ARE YOU WEAR-ING A COLOGNE SCENTED WITH... HONEY?
NOT CO-LOGNE! BUT I DO SMELL LIKE HONEY, IRIS!!

I CREATED AN INCREDIBLE NEW ARCHITECTURE FOR MY NEXT GYM CHALLENGER !!
I'M SO PLEASED YOU NOTICED!


I MUST AWAY TO THE GYM, PRONTO! TOODLES!
TMP !!
THANK YOU APPRE-CIATE IT
HAPPY NOW?


OOPS! THAT RE-MINDS ME!
MY CHAL-LENGER AWAITS!

AH-HA-HA!
ZOOM ZOOM
I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S BATTLE...


...WITH THIS CHAL-LENGER!

IT'S WAY PAST MY RESERVATION TIME...
BURGH! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
COME ON! HURRY UP!!
OH, I'M SORRY, SO SORRY.
WHAT THE--?!
...IS THAT RIGHT ?!
AND I HAVE TO FIND MY WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE OF HONEY YOU DESIGNED TO GET TO YOU?!
YOU'LL BE WAITING FOR ME AT THE END OF THE GYM?!

I JUST BUILT THIS MAZE.. AND YOU'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT ITS PURPOSE?! YOU DID YOUR HOMEWORK— AND FAST!
YOU ARE CORRECT.
I USED MY ARTISTIC TALENTS TO CREATE THIS MAZE.
IN OTHER WORDS, I PAINTED THESE WALLS WITH HONEY! EACH WALL IS A WORK OF ART!
THIS MAZE IS MY STUDIO AND AN OBJET D'ART— AS WELL AS MY GYM!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? SURREAL AND AVANT-GARDE, DON'T YOU THINK...?
EH?
AAAAAH!!
YAAAH!!
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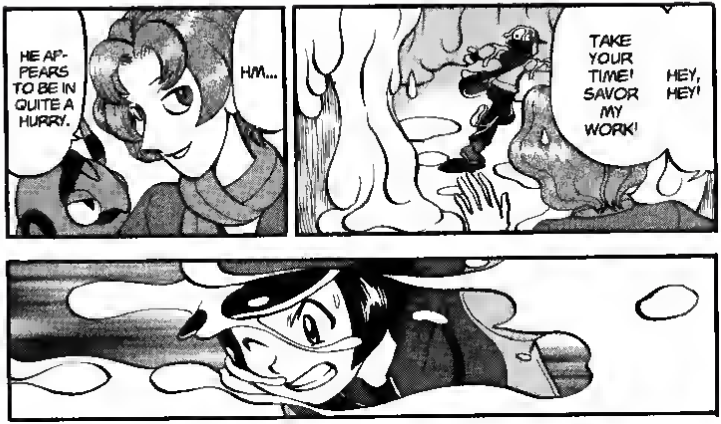
HE APPEARS TO BE IN QUITE A HURRY.
HM...
TAKE YOUR TIME! SAVOR MY WORK!
HEY, HEY!

YOU HAVE ARRIVED!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU ONCE AGAIN.
I AM BURGH, THE GYM LEADER OF CASTELIA CITY!
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drip

THE REMIER NSECT RTIST!!
OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS...
GO! TEP...
TEP IS A FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON AND BRAV IS A FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON... SO THEY BOTH HAVE THE ADVANTAGE!!
HE'S AN EXPERT ON BUG-TYPE POKÉ-MON.
NOOOOO!!
NO, NO, NO!! YOU MUSTN'T EVOLVE.
WHP
WHP
WHP
BOM
NNGH...
BRAV !!

AIR SLASH !!
FWOOSH
MY WHIRLIPEDE SPINS LIKE A WHEEL TO KEEP ITS OPPONENT FROM READING ITS MOVES.
YES, BUT...
OH! A FLYING TYPE ATTACK! THAT'S IT'S A WEAKNESS!
WELL, YOU ALREADY KNEW I HAVE A WHIRLIPEDE... SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR YOU TO ATTACK IT WITH THE MOST EFFECTIVE MOVE.
WE EACH GET TO USE THREE POKÉMON.
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT ...
BOM!
...MY OTIER TWO WILL DO!!

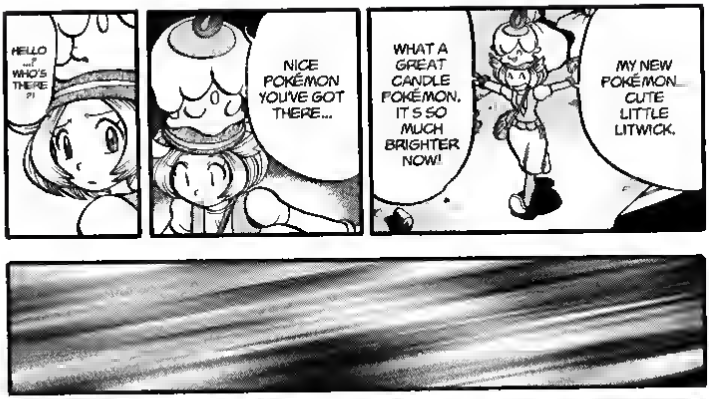
DWEBBLE!!
AH, YOU GUESSED RIGHT!
BUT NOW CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ATTACK I'LL USE?!
SMACK DOWN.
SMACK
BRAV!!
I'M A BUG-TYPE POKÉMON EXPERT.
I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST TRAINERS WHO USE FLYING-TYPE AND FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON.
THAT'S WHY I'VE DEVELOPED SPECIAL COUNTERMEASURES
SMACK DOWN IS JUST ONE OF THEM.

SMACK DOWN! THAT'S A ROCK-TYPE ATTACK— WHICH IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST FLYING-TYPE AND FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON!
PRE-CISE-LY.
BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON YOUR BRAVIARY FELL.
!!
!! POISON!!!
EXACTLY. YOUR BRAVIARY WAS ALREADY HIT WITH POISON DURING THE FIRST BATTLE WHEN IT...
...CLASHED WITH MY WHIRLIPEDE. DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
BOM!
TULA!

...LEAVANNY!
BOM!
SOMETHING'S WRONG...
INSTEAD, I'LL BRING OUT...
BETTER SAVE DWEBBLE FOR MY TRUMP CARD.
CHA!
I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON THIS BATTLE!!
CONCENTRATE!!
creep
creep

PHEW ...
THE END OF A LONG DAY'S WORK!
I WONDER HOW BLACK IS DOING.
COME TO THINK OF IT .. I'VE NEVER SEEN BLACK'S GYM BATTLES.
AS HIS BOSS AND SPONSOR, I OUGHT TO WATCH HIM.
I WONDER WHERE THE GYM IS...
WAHHH! THIS CITY IS SO BIG AND CROWDED!
BLACK!
BLACK, WHERE ARE YOU?!
IN THIS STREET? THAT STREET?
I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'S... OVER THERE!

WHY DID YOU SAY THIS CITY IS SO BIG THAT WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP TO FIND BLACK?!
WAHHH! CHEREN, YOU DUMMY!!
I DON'T WANT TO WALK DOWN IT ALONE...
B-BUT THIS STREET IS SO DARK... AND EMPTY...
I HAVE THE PERFECT POKÉMON FOR THIS SITUATION!
OH! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
YAY!!


HELLO ...? WHO'S THERE ?!
NICE POKÉMON YOU'VE GOT THERE...
WHAT A GREAT CANDLE POKÉMON. IT'S SO MUCH BRIGHTER NOW!
MY NEW POKÉMON... CUTE LITTLE LITWICK.

AND WE HEREBY LIBERATE THIS LITWICK FROM YOU.
TEAM PLASMA.